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Happy Birthday

Army's 233rd celebration to be bigger, better than before

Chris Rasmussen
Leader Staff

The Army birthday party at Fort Jackson is about to get bigger.

In the past, the installation has hosted a formal dinner program to honor the occasion. This year, however, Fort Jackson will host a daylong schedule of events June 14 to commemorate the Army's 233rd birthday.

"The focus this year is to include the lower enlisted Soldiers and family members rather than senior NCOs (noncommissioned officers) dressing up in the class blues and going out," said Capt. Jerry Reitan, assistant S3 for the 165th Infantry Brigade, which is organizing the celebration. "We want everyone included in the celebration this year."

The celebration is slated for June 14 and will commence with a golf tournament at 8 a.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. At the same time, a 5K run will start at Palmetto Falls Water Park.

An opening ceremony and cake cutting ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center.

"Since the birth of the Army on June 14, 1775, the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation," said Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general. "The Army Birthday observance is designed to honor the proud history and heritage of our nation."

The celebration will include a number of military weapons displays, static displays and living history displays depicting wars and conflicts. These will be located at the Solomon Center and available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will also be a barbecue, vendors, music and children's games at the Solomon Center. In addition, the adjacent Palmetto Falls Water Park and mini golf will be open. Admission is free for the first 500 patrons to the water park and first 50 patrons to mini golf.

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Photo by Ashley Henry

New Basic Combat Training Soldiers go through the Personnel Affairs Branch at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) where they sign up for life insurance, initiate their pay and enroll dependents into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, commonly known as DEERS.

'Summer surge' expectations are high

Ashley Henry
Public Affairs Intern

Day One: Set up pay, visit the barber for a haircut, shop at the post exchange for basic toiletries, get a medical evaluation.

From June to October, during what is known as summer surge, approximately 22,000 Soldiers will go through this Day One routine. That is about half of the total number of Soldiers Fort Jackson predicts they will see in the year.

According to Maj. Jennifer Walkawicz, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) executive officer, in the first eight months of fiscal year 2008, 26,000 Basic Combat Training Soldiers have come through Fort Jackson.

On May 28, 659 new BCT Soldiers arrived during the night.

They traveled by many means of transportation; some took buses, others flew and some were brought in vans and all arrived at the 120th between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

"The way Soldiers come into us primarily increases in the summer months because Soldiers just getting out of high school or graduating from college are more likely to join and want to go to basic training in the summer than any other time of year," Walkawicz said.

During the summer, the number of Soldiers the 120th AG Bn. could receive on any given night could potentially exceed an entire week's

numbers during November or February.

"The other thing about summer surge," Walkawicz said, "is traditionally for basic training companies, an optimal fill for them, according to the CG, is 200 Soldiers per company. Right now, just to meet the training load, those companies will each fill to 240 Soldiers per company."

Walkawicz said that right now, every resource, every unit or activity on post is geared toward the receiving, processing and training of the summer load.

To help manage the difficult workload, the 120th AG Bn. hired on an additional 12 tempo-

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Ask the Garrison Commander

LD investigations; Wildcat Skate Park



Col. Dixon

Q Why are Line of Duty investigations conducted?

A In accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-4, Line of Duty Policy, Procedures and Investigations, LD investigations are conducted essentially to arrive at a determination of whether misconduct or negligence was involved in the disease, injury or death of a Soldier and if so, to what degree.

Depending on the circumstances of the case, an LD investigation may or may not be required to make this determination.

Q Who is responsible for the Skate Park and when is it open?

A Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Community Recreation Division is responsible for the Wildcat Skate Park.

The park is located directly behind the NCO Club, 5700 Lee Road. It is open from dusk until dawn seven days a week. The skate park is open to all ID card holders and their guests.

The park offers a variety of grind rails, grind boxes, skate benches, plaza deck, bank to bank with decks, mini half pipe, flat rails with kinks and picnic tables. Pads and helmets are required for all skaters.

Garrison Fact of the Week

Cotton T-shirts are not permitted in the swimming area of Palmetto Falls Water Park due to cotton fibers clogging the filter systems.

However, polyester such as Under Armor is authorized. The water park concession area will sell polyester shirts this summer.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

Fort Jackson talks back
What do you think about the younger generation?



Donald Rhyner
Army retiree

"Every generation badmouths the young. But the young people always somehow come through."



Leudes Arieta
Army retiree

"They are crazy. They live in a different world. They don't know how to appreciate what older people have done for them. They think everything is given to them on a platter."



Brenda Champion
Family member

"They don't have dreams. They are not preparing themselves for who they want to be when they grow up."

Russ Cline
Navy retiree

"Each generation changes. My daughter's generation is different from my grand-kids' generation. You have to accept the change. Every adult is teaching every child. They don't have respect because they aren't taught it."



Jesse Cook
Navy retiree

"When I grew up, there was a lot of discipline for young people. Today, there doesn't seem to be as much discipline."



Tom Burroughs
Army retiree

"They're our future. I'm amazed how they develop mentally and in their opinions. I'm amazed that they're so involved in politics. I have a great deal of respect for young people."



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NEWS

Funds approved to cushion housing transfer

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Congress gave family housing a boost last week, awarding \$15 million for additional new homes on Fort Jackson.

Due to high interest rates, only 503 new homes were going to be constructed as part of the Residential Community Initiative — the transfer of family housing operations to a private company, Balfour Beatty Communities. The additional funds will now allow 610 new homes to be built.

“Because of the interest rates, we were going to have to reconfigure how many homes could be built,” said Karen Padgett, community manager for Balfour Beatty Communities. “The funds Congress gave RCI will allow us to build more homes.”

Family housing operations will be transferred to Balfour Beatty Aug. 1. Until then, residents will continue to call in service orders and work with the current staff until July 31. Starting Aug. 1, Soldiers residing in family housing will be required to sign a Resident Responsibility Agreement (lease) and establish an allotment to cover rent, utilities and renter’s insurance. The amount of the allotment is the same

as the BAH at the dependent rate.

“Effective Aug. 1, the partner will take over all operations in family housing,” said Emma Watson, RCI director. “That means housing assignments, terminations, new construction and everything that deals with family housing, will be conducted by the partner.”

The Army announced in May 2007 the selection of GMH/Centex Military Communities to prepare a Community Development and Management Plan as part of the initiative to privatize family housing at Fort Jackson. Balfour Beatty, which purchased GMH in April, will now be responsible for development, construction, maintenance and management of family housing at Fort Jackson.

Initial plans called for constructing 610 new homes, renovate 240 existing homes and demolishing about 865 homes.

“The plan for new construction did not change. What changed is the scope of work for the renovated units,” Watson said. “The renovations will make the homes more up-to-date and more modern and will provide more open floor plans.”

Demolition of existing homes to make way for new home construction is expected to take place in September.

Balfour Beatty Communities’ current family housing projects put them on 37 military installations with approximately 26,000 privatized military housing units under lease.

“Balfour Beatty Communities is ready to begin working with the residents of Fort Jackson,” Padgett said. “With customer service in mind, office hours are designed to accommodate the residents’ needs for visiting the office. Residents can place applications, check their status on the waiting list, receive move-in instructions, place service requests and discuss specific needs with the management staff.”

In the case of an emergency, personnel are available 24 hours a day with an immediate response and resolution.

“Balfour Beatty Communities is committed to long-term solutions to maintenance problems, not just cosmetic fixes,” Padgett said. “We want to foster pride of ownership in homes and community by effectively maintaining physical appearance, cleanliness and state of repair for properties and surrounding landscapes.”

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July 4th ‘Tattoo’ gearing up

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The U.S. Army Soldier Support Institute is finalizing plans to host Fort Jackson’s largest event of the year. More than 50,000 people are expected to visit on the Fourth of July for the annual Torchlight Tattoo at Hilton Field.

The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a concert by the 282nd U.S. Army “Victory” Band. The Tattoo ceremony follows at 8:30 p.m., with a fireworks display beginning approximately one hour later.

Visitors can bring food, lawn chairs and blankets. No alcoholic beverages, pets, individual fireworks or barbecue grills will be allowed at the event.

The Tattoo ceremony advances a military tradition with roots back to the Netherlands and the British Army of William the Third. Some 300 years ago, when King William’s troops were housed in Dutch villages, drummers were sent through the village streets to call the soldiers home from the inns where they were enjoying the evening’s entertainment.

The drummers would signal local innkeepers that “beer call” was over. The Dutch words for “turn off the taps” were “doe den tap toe.” But the troops heard only “tap toe” which in time was shortened to “Tattoo.” As the custom grew, drums were joined by fifes and other instruments, and soon full bands played for the garrison. The military tattoo was born.

Editor’s note: The Leader will print a special “Torchlight Tattoo” insert in the June 26 or July 3 edition, with more details about the event, including a map, parking and shuttle information, and other activities that may be added.

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Ground broken for new, combined Drill Sergeant School



Photo by Chris Rasmussen

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, left, Fort Jackson commanding general, leads the ground breaking ceremony Tuesday for the new Drill Sergeant School. William Hyman, the first commandant of the original Fort Jackson DSS, and Lt. Col. Trey Jordan, Army Corps of Engineers, were among the dignitaries present for the ceremony. The new school, which will be located at Marion Avenue and Kemper Street, is being built to accommodate the influx of drill sergeant candidates and instructors from Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as part of the Base Realignment and Closure recommendation, which calls for consolidating the three schools to Fort Jackson.

Renovations complete; school to reopen

Chris Rasmussen
Leader Staff

Teachers and staff at C.C. Pinckney Elementary School Annex are moving back home.

Delays in construction at C.C. Pinckney prompted school officials to house students in the former Hood Street Elementary School, which closed in May 2007. Crews have now finished work at C.C. Pinckney.

“Once we have finished the final inspection process, we will paint the interior of all the classrooms and move everything back over the summer so that when the teachers come back in August we can start a great new school year,” principal Carol Kress said.

Renovation work at C.C. Pinckney, which began in 2006, included new air conditioning and heating as well as new flooring and roofing.

“Several of us did a walk-through of the building and we are very much looking forward to being back in large rooms,” Kress said. “We won’t be under each others armpits like we have been.”

The first day of class is Aug. 21 and C.C. Pinckney will now accommodate all students in grades second through sixth. Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first-grade students will attend Pierce Terrace Elementary School.

Hood Street, which was built in 1964, closed last May because of a decline in the number of families living on the in-

stallation and the resulting decrease in student enrollment.

During the renovation work at C.C. Pinckney, students in grades third through sixth were housed at Hood Street.

Second graders were housed at Pierce Terrace during that time.

“We are looking forward to welcoming second grade back to C.C. Pinckney,” Kress said.

Delays in the renovations were the result of the contractors, according to Dr. Joseph Guiendon, superintendent of Fort Jackson schools. “It was a mess,” he said. “We encountered a number of unexpected delays and setbacks.”

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Around Post

Post Guides Available

The 2008-2009 Fort Jackson Post Guides have arrived and are being distributed. Representatives from brigades and directorates should contact the Public Affairs Office at 751-1742 to arrange for pickup.

193rd Inf. Bde. Change of Command

The 193rd Infantry Brigade will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., June 17 at the Officers' Club. Col. Stephen Yackley will relinquish command to Col. Brian Prosser.

120th AG Battalion Change of Command

The 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) will have a Change of Command ceremony at 2 p.m. June 23 at the 120th AG Bn. chapel. Lt. Col. Teresa Campbell will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Michael Bineham.

MEDDAC Change of Command

The Medical Command will have a Change of Command ceremony at 10 a.m., today at the main hospital entrance. Col. James A. Mundy will relinquish command to Col. Nancy T. Hughes.

171st Inf. Bde. Change of Command

The 171st Infantry Brigade will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., Wednesday at Darby Field. Col. Robert Choppa will relinquish command to Col. Karl D. Reed.

Reading Bug

Readers 12 years old and younger will be rewarded for reading when they join the Fort Jackson Post Library summer reading club. Readers who read five books can win a small prize and get their name on the wall caterpillar; 10 books — will receive a coupon for a free game of bowling at Century Lanes; 15 books — will receive a coupon for a free game of mini golf at Palmetto Greens.



At your service

hours and phone numbers for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union, 782-9830 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday.

American Red Cross, 751-4329/5923 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Andy's Fitness Center, 751-4177 — 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday; call for opening time on training and federal holidays

Army Career Alumni Program, 751-4109/4104 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

Army Community Service, 751-5256 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Army Continuing Education Services, 751-5341 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Bowling, Century Lanes, 751-6138 — closed Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday; 2-10 p.m., Sunday; Ivy Lanes, 751-4759

Car Care Center, 782-1639 — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

Chaplain Museum, 751-8827/8079 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Child and Youth Services, 751-4865 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 751-3219 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Class VI, 782-1601 — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday

Coleman Gym, 751-5896 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day

Commissary, 751-5789 — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday

Department of the Army Photos (TSC), 751-7593 — 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday

Defense Military Pay Office, 751-6669 (*Soldiers*), 751-4914 (*Civilian*) — 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Dental Clinics, 751-5178/6017 — 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday

Family Health Center, 751-2273 — 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., training holidays

Florist, 738-1812 — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Furniture Store, 787-9175 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday

Hospital Retail Annex, 782-1263 — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

ID Section, 751-7731 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Legal Assistance and Claims, 751-4287/3603 — 9 a.m. to 4

p.m., Monday-Friday

LCI-SSSC, 790-5306 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Main Outpatient Pharmacy, 751-2259 — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

Military Clothing Sales Store, 787-5248 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday

NCO Club, 782-2218 — Regular hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times

Officers' Club, 751-4906 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open to nonmembers); 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday brunch (members)

Palmetto Falls Water Park, 751-3381 — closed Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; 1-7 p.m., Sunday

Perez Fitness Center, 751-6258 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and training holidays

Pools, Knight, 751-6258 — 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday; Legion — noon to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday

Post Exchange, 787-1950/1951/1952 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday

Post Office, 782-8709 — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

Recycling Center, 751-4208 — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday; Open 24 hours for drop-off

Refill Annex (PX mall), 751-2250 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday

Reuse Center, 751-5121 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday

Safety Office, 751-6004 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Shoppettes — Lee Road, 782-0590 — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 1, 782-2076 — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 2, 790-4478 — 24 hours a day

SSI Retail Annex, 738-9189 — 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Theater, 751-7488 — various times, Friday-Sunday

Thrift Shop, 787-2153 — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., first Saturday of the month

Vanguard Gym, 751-4384

Vehicle Registration, 751-7573 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Veterinary Clinic, 751-7160 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

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Surge *(continued from Page 1)*

rary civilians who work from May until the end of September.

"It's a great benefit to us," Walkawicz said, "but it is still a very difficult workload to manage. It gets exciting around here to say the least."

Throughout the war, the number of new Soldiers coming into BCT has varied each year. During the 2005 fiscal year just more than 28,000 Soldiers came through the 120th AG Bn. The number increased in 2006 to 43,000 Soldiers, and this year they

are expecting 48,000 to 50,000 Soldiers.

Fort Jackson started a pilot program in November, called Blended Reception, to eliminate the perception of the first three days being reception and not basic training.

Now, when basic training Soldiers exit the bus they meet their drill sergeant right away and are with their BCT unit from day one.

"All that a Soldier knows from the day he gets here is his chain of command," Walkawicz said.

The most challenging part of the summer surge, Walkawicz said, is coordinating the movements of up to 1,600 Soldiers a week.

"There is no set Day Zero or Day One," she said, "every day is Day Zero, Day One, Day Two and Day Three. It is a lot of coordination and establishing of good relationships across the post to truly take care of these Soldiers and get them ready to start basic training."

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NEWS

New Reserve headquarters opens for business

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Nearly four years after he was killed in Iraq, Lexington-native Spc. Thomas D. Caughman was honored when the U.S. Army Reserve's 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) cut the ribbon Sunday on its new home Sunday, which is named for Caughman.

The 20-year-old Caughman was killed June 9, 2004, when his Humvee was struck by rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire in Baghdad. He was the first member of what was then the 81st Regional Readiness Command killed in Iraq.

More than 200 Soldiers, family members and friends packed the auditorium of the Spc. Thomas D. Caughman U.S. Army Reserve Center for the dedication ceremony. The commander of the 81st RSC, Maj. Gen. Charles Gorton, expressed his gratefulness to Caughman's parents, Hampton and Jane Caughman.

"Losing comrades in arms, whether they be from the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy or the Coast Guard, is one of the most difficult things we face as Soldiers, as a community and as a nation," Gorton said. "We send our most sincere gratitude for the sacrifice you and your family have made."

Caughman was a member of Company C, 391st Engineer Battalion, but transferred to the 458th Engineer Battalion in Pennsylvania when that unit was called up for active duty in November 2003.

His parents said that they still have good days and bad days.

"It'll be that way, I'm sure, for as long as we are alive," Caughman's father said. "He was always happy, always smiling, and that came from his inner peace knowing that he was a child of God."

As for his mother Jane, "I just try to remember the positive, how he was always happy-go-lucky, how he had such a positive outlook on life. Thomas made those 20 years he was with us a wonderful experience to be a parent."

The 81st RSC is part of the U.S. Army Reserve's transformation under Base Realignment and Closure to go from 11 RRCs to four RSCs.

The new commands will oversee the care of transportation, personnel actions, food service, logistics and all other base support functions. Command and control of the Army Reserve units is being passed to other general officer commands.

The center is the first building to be completed under the BRAC legislation. When fully staffed in the fall, it will bring 300 new positions to Fort Jackson — 217 civilians, 38 full-time Soldiers and 45 Reserve Soldiers.

The 81st RSC gets its name and lineage from the 81st RRC in Birmingham, Ala. Its geographical area will include Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Puerto Rico and the



Photo by Mike A. Glasch

The new home of the U.S. Army Reserve's 81st Regional Support Command is dedicated Sunday to Spc. Thomas D. Caughman, the first member of the 81st RSC to be killed in Iraq, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Caughman's family members, leaders from the 81st RSC and U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina, right.

U.S. Virgin Islands.

The 81st traces its origin back to World War I when the 81st Infantry Division was formed at Camp (now Fort) Jackson. It

adopted the nickname "Wildcat" Division from Wildcat Creek which ran through the camp.

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Dining facility to represent post in annual competition



Susanne Kappler
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Making new Soldiers "Army Strong" is the most important mission on Fort Jackson — a mission that cannot be achieved without proper nutrition, a Soldier's "fuel for strength."

"Fuel for strength" is also the theme for this year's Philip A. Connelly Awards for Excellence in Army Food Service competition, an Army-wide contest to identify and award the best dining facilities.

Fort Jackson will be represented by the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment dining facility. The facility, which will compete against seven other installations, will be evaluated Tuesday by representatives from the Food Service Branch of the Southeast Region, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

The criteria for the evaluation will be: food preparation and serving; administration; training and supervision; head count procedures; sanitation and safety; equipment maintenance; receipt and storage of subsistence; and command support.

Photo by Susanne Kappler

Darise Young, a food service worker with the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment dining facility, prepares fruit flavored gelatin. The dessert is part of the lunch menu the facility will present for the Philip A. Connelly Awards for Excellence in Army Food Service competition.

The staff of the dining facility started rehearsing for the event in April. They finished as the runner-up for the Southeast Region last year and are striving for even greater success this year.

"We are very motivated," said Barbara Johnson, manager of the 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg. DFAC. "We want to bring (the award) to Fort Jackson where it belongs."

In preparation for the evaluation, the Soldiers of the battalion were treated to a rehearsal lunch May 28 that included menu items such as Caribbean chicken breast, veal parmesan and shrimp gumbo. The dining facility was decorated with ice sculptures and flowers.

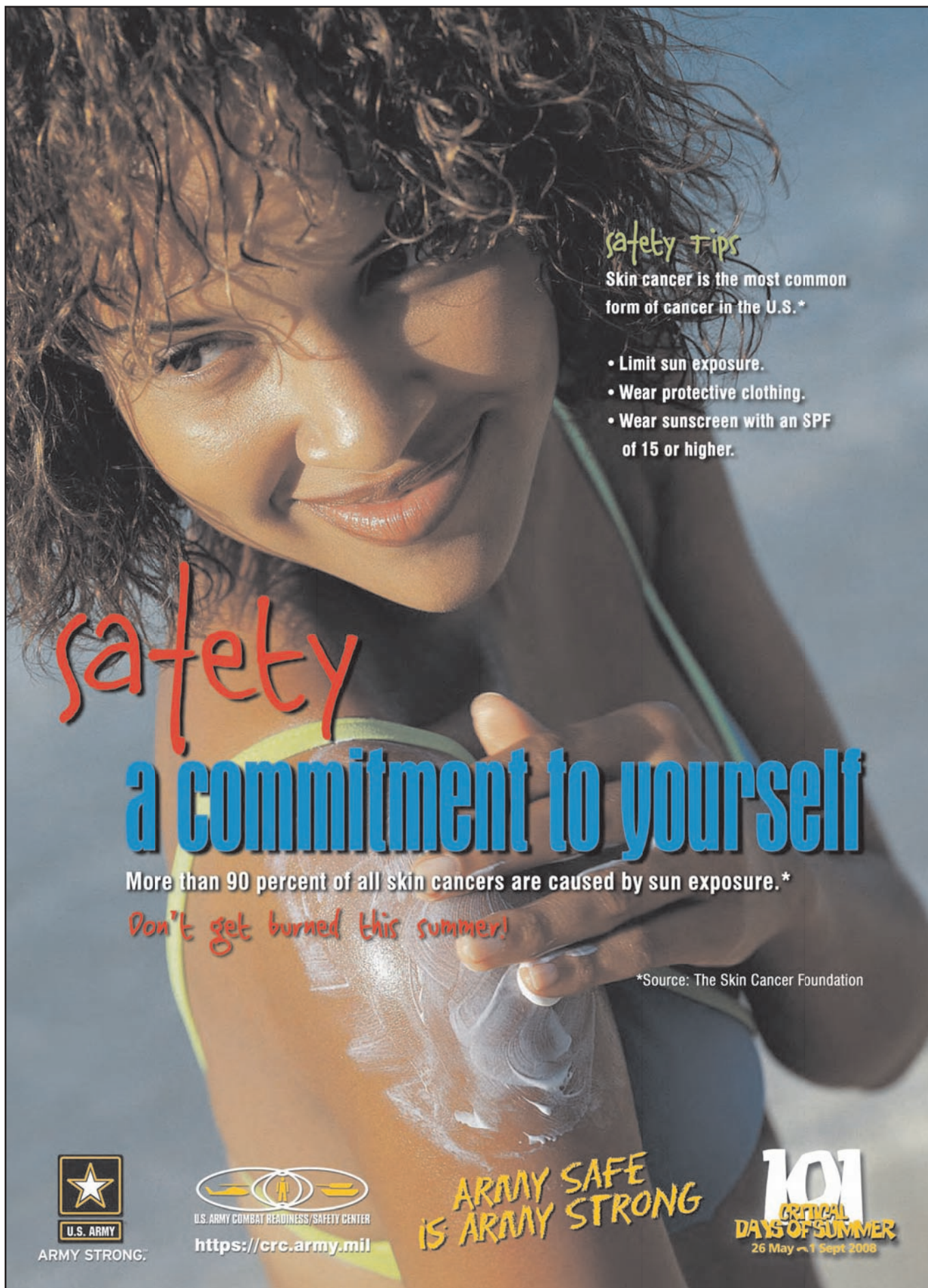
Robert Cook, the Installation Food Service Quality Assurance evaluator, pointed out that the purpose of the competition is to demonstrate the quality of service provided throughout the year and not just during the evaluation.

"We want to show the graders that we are organized, that we are familiar with what we are doing and that this is what we do on a daily basis; it's not just a show for today," he said.

The results for the Southeast Regional contest will be announced in August or September. The winner will move on to the Army-wide phase of the competition against the other IMCOM regions' winners.

"We are putting our best foot forward to make Fort Jackson proud of us," Cook said. "We're representing Fort Jackson, so it means a great deal to us to do an outstanding job."

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safety tips
Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S.*

- Limit sun exposure.
- Wear protective clothing.
- Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.


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Don't get burned this summer!

*Source: The Skin Cancer Foundation

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MARKING TIME

Soldier's drive puts post golf course on par

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Many people probably do not remember Pfc. Mike Serino. He did not receive a Medal of Honor during World War II, nor did he die in the line of duty.

Nevertheless, Serino has left a lasting mark on Fort Jackson which can be seen at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

It was because of his love of golf and dedication to the sport that the club exists today.

Serino came to Fort Jackson when he was drafted into the Army in 1943. It was during his Basic Combat Training with the 106th Infantry Division that he realized the beauty of the land on which he marched.

Two years after his discharge, while he was working as a golf professional in New Jersey, Serino returned to Fort Jackson with the dream of building a golf course.

It was then that he met Commanding General Maj. Gen. George H. Decker. The two did not have much in common, except their love for the game. It was with the help of Decker that Serino's dream was able to become a reality.

Officially, it is said that golf started on Fort Jackson in 1948 with a nine-hole sand greens course on Jackson Boulevard.

With \$500 that Decker was able to get from the chief of staff, a bulldozer, an operator, a truck and driver and a couple of men, Serino built the golf course.

While building the course, Serino worked with no pay, slept in his car and lived off savings from the 30 months he had served in the Army.

It was also during this time that Serino took Decker to the site of the current 18-hole course, the land that he had marched on so many times before and on which he had dreamt of building a course.



Courtesy Photo

Mike Serino, left, plays golf at the Fort Jackson Golf Club shortly after its completion. Serino was instrumental in the construction of the golf course.

Decker, too, saw the beauty of the land. He had plans drawn up and with the help of more than 500 Soldiers and the manual labor of both himself and Serino, construction began Jan. 18, 1949.

Each blade of grass on the course was hand planted by the Soldiers and on Sundays, Decker drove the bulldozer and built the entire sixth green.

Almost a year later, the course was finished, and the first round of golf took place on Nov. 11, 1949, Veteran's Day.

Serino was appointed the head golf professional and greens superintendent of the golf club. His

salary was \$150 a month, but after paying the bills for the club there was just 28 cents left for him.

Regardless, Serino continued to work at the club and use his personal equipment for more than eight years.

With the opening of the practice area, a new Club house and an additional 18-holes, Serino's dream was complete in 1992.

Decker said in a letter that, "Mike loved the course with a devotion generally reserved for one's wife and children."

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Have a historical tidbit to share?

The *Leader* is seeking historical stories and photos to use in its weekly Marking Time section. Retirees, veterans and community members with an interesting fact, story, photo, artifact, etc. pertaining to Fort Jackson should e-mail fjleader@conus.army.mil.

ARMY NEWS

Fallen OIF Soldier receives Medal of Honor

Carrie McLeroy
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Spc. Ross McGinnis has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Bush in a White House ceremony.

His parents, Tom and Romaine McGinnis, shared the small stage this past week in the East Room with the president to receive the nation's highest military honor on their son's behalf. He became the second Soldier serving in Iraq to receive the medal.

McGinnis was serving as an M-2 50-caliber machine gunner with 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment supporting combat operations against insurgents in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad. On Dec. 4, 2006, 1st Platoon was gearing up to patrol the streets of the area and deliver a 250-kilowatt generator to provide increased electricity to its citizens.

The youngest member of his platoon at 19, McGinnis manned the 50-caliber machine gun on the last Humvee in the six-vehicle patrol. He sat on the gunner's strap facing the rear to provide security for the patrol. An insurgent on a nearby rooftop lobbed a fragmentation grenade into the vehicle. Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas (platoon sergeant and truck commander); Staff Sgt. Ian Newland (squad leader); Sgt. Lyle

Buehler (driver) and Spc. Sean Lawson (medic) were combat-locked inside the vehicle.

McGinnis yelled, "Grenade," to allow his crew to prepare for the grenade's blast. Instead of leaping out the gunner's hatch to safety as he was trained to do, McGinnis threw his back against the radio mount where the grenade had landed, covering the grenade and absorbing most of the blast.

"By that split-second decision, McGinnis lost his own life, and he saved his comrades," Bush said.

Following the ceremony, McGinnis's parents expressed their pride in their son, and sadness of their loss. The Soldiers who called him brother and friend voiced their appreciation for his sacrifice.

"Ross did what he did for his buddies, and actually he's done that all his life," Romaine said. "It didn't surprise us when we found out all the details of what had happened. That was Ross."

When asked how their son should be remembered, the parents spoke about how he was a normal child, who when called upon, did what he thought was best for his buddies.

"The only thing you've really got to remember about my son is that he did the right thing at the right time," Tom said. "Be-



Photo by Carrie McLeroy, Army News Service

From left, retired Staff Sgt. Ian Newland, Sgt. Lyle Buehler, Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas and Spc. Sean Lawson are all alive today because of Spc. Ross McGinnis's selfless sacrifice. McGinnis, who received the Medal of Honor posthumously in a White House ceremony Monday, covered a live grenade with his body after it had been tossed into a Humvee that all five Soldiers were in. His body absorbed the impact of the blast, saving the rest of his crew.

cause his life was very short, it wasn't an exciting story until it got right to the end. He just made the right decision when it was required."

McGinnis was inducted into the Penta-

gon's Hall of Heroes Tuesday, and his Medal of Honor headstone was unveiled at Arlington National Cemetery Wednesday.

For more on Ross McGinnis's story, visit www.army.mil/medalofhonor/mcginnis.

Army expands Battlemind training

1st Lt. James Williams III
Army News Services

WASHINGTON — Because of its success preparing Soldiers for deployment, the Army has decided to transition Battlemind training from a deployment cycle requirement to standard Army-wide training.

"Although Battlemind is in its infancy, it is proving to be effective in theater," said Maj. Todd Yosick, chief of the Battlemind training office at the Army Medical Department Center and School. "Modules are already being developed for basic training."

The Army Medical Department created the Battlemind concept with the specific goals of addressing problems associated with the mental health of Soldiers affected by combat.

One of the Battlemind tools the Army developed is a Web site containing audiovisual training aids and other materials to allow units to conduct their own mental health training. The site also provides training for leaders, health care providers, individual Soldiers and family members.

The new Web site features a module that addresses the stigma associated with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; the testimonial of a suicide survivor; and scenario-based animations for younger members of the family.

"A lot of effort has been put into this site," said Ann Ham, a public affairs official for the Office of the Surgeon General and Medical Command. "It's a training and teaching guide, and now the training aids are concise and complete."

The stigma associated with mental-health problems is one of the major hurdles the Army must overcome. By providing more training on mental health to Soldiers, the Army hopes to mitigate the stigma and identify personnel who may need assistance.

"The goal isn't to create a bunch of shrinks, but we want



Courtesy graphic

On the Army's Battlemind Web site, "Sgt. Drew" narrates a video to help children deal with deployment separation stress. The site contains resources that assist Soldiers and family members cope with the stresses of a deployment.

to empower squad leaders and buddies to say, 'Hey, are you alright?'" Yosick said.

With the recent increase of suicides — 115 during fiscal year 2007 — Army medical officials are taking the mental health of Soldiers very seriously. There is an atmosphere of excitement among the Army's leadership, because of the hope of continued success with Battlemind training, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston said.

"Battlemind training helps Soldiers adjust their emotions and understand their inner feelings," Preston said.

Now that the Web site is functional, all Soldiers can visit the Battlemind Web site at <http://www.battlemind.army.mil>.

Army Family Covenant Update

Children are invited to an American Girl Tea Party

Beverly Metcalfe*Youth Education Support Services*

Flashback: You are 5 years old, and it is Christmas morning; you run out in anticipation of what Santa Claus has left for you under the tree.

You catch your breath when your eyes rest on her — the doll, the one you circled in the Sears catalog; dog-eared the page; and begged your parents for even if she was just a little too expensive.

There she is, under the tree. You pick her up and smell that new doll smell.

She becomes your constant companion; the one with whom you share your deepest secrets and endless tea parties.

Relive the excitement of childhood make-believe and pretend with your child at the



American Girl Tea 2-4 p.m., June 21 in the Marion Room at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center.

This Army Family Covenant event is free to the community; the tea is being sponsored by MWR Recreation Division, Child and Youth Services, and the main post library.

The tea party will include games, crafts and prize drawings. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite doll or stuffed animal to the party. There will be an owner and doll look-a-like contest with an American Girl Doll as the grand prize.

For those of you who have never heard of American Girl dolls, just ask your child. American Girl characters lived during significant time periods in history and are from several different cultural backgrounds.

Created in 1986, the American Girl brand has expanded to include books, magazines, their own Web site, and movie production.

A library promotion will run at the library and online until June 30 to kick off the release of “Kit Kittredge: An American Girl Movie,” in theaters, July 2. There will be one “Kit Kittredge: An American Girl” book set given away at the library as part of the promotion.

Throughout June, Army library patrons 6-16 years old will receive and may submit one entry form each time they visit the library and check out books (limit of one per day). The child must submit the entry form in person.

Picturehouse Films will sponsor a grand prize shopping spree for one winner and a parent or legal guardian to an American Girl store nearest to the winner’s location.

FMWRC will conduct a random, online drawing on July 11 through the www.ArmyMWR.com home page. Patrons may come to the library to learn how to enter this promotion.

For more information about the American Girl Tea, call 751-3053.

**Today**

Southern Style Lunch Buffet, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers’ Club. The buffet is open to everyone.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

Magraders Pub is open for lunch.

Enjoy **mountain biking** on the Palmetto Trail with the Marion Street Station, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A **Health Rocks** workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m., at the Youth Center.

Friday

Play **Victory Bingo** and win prizes up to \$15,000. There are guaranteed \$50 payouts.

Artistic Expression with Jake begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magraders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magraders Pub and the cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Magraders Club and Pub **Fishing Tournament**, doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Step Team practice begins at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from

9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians. Live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways will be held 9:30-11 p.m.

Live Reggae music with Mystic Vibrations at Magraders beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Legion Pool opens for the season, daily hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be **Charleston day trip**. For more information, call Marion Street Station, 751-3484.

Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers’ Club.

Family Day at the Youth Center will be 2-6 p.m.

There will be **windsurfing at Weston Lake**. For more information, call Marion Street Station, 751-3484.

Monday

The NCO Club presents a **full lunch buffet**, featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

Tuesday

Movie Night begins at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at Magraders Pub.

The EFMP will hold an **Ed-Venture outing** at 4 p.m.

Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magraders Club** at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Mark your Calendars

Army Birthday Celebration at Patriots Park will be June 14.

Ongoing Offers

• The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children.

• The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for adults is \$7 and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.

• The **Officers’ Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.

• The **NCO Club caters** to all your needs: dining in, dining out, promotions, breakfasts, meetings, birthdays, weddings, graduation, retirements and other special occasions.

• **Victory Travel** has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Some require reservations.

Stop by Victory Travel in the MG Robert B. Solomon Center for more information on available discounts.

HEALTH

Sun safety month: Steps to save your skin

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

Sun safety is never out of season. Summer’s arrival means it is time for picnics, trips to the pool and beach ... and a spike in sunburns. People who work outdoors need to take precautions as well.

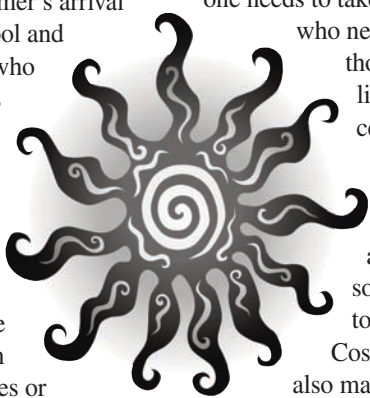
The need for sun safety has become clear throughout the past 20 years, with studies showing that excessive exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer. Harmful rays from the sun — and from sunlamps and tanning beds — may also cause eye problems, weaken the immune system and cause unsightly skin spots and wrinkles or “leathery” skin.

Sun damage to the body is caused by invisible ultraviolet radiation, which reaches earth as long wavelengths, known as UVA, and short wavelengths, known as UVB.

UVB radiation can cause sunburn. But the longer wavelength UVA is dangerous too, as it can penetrate the skin and damage tissue at deeper levels.

Tanning is a sign of the skin reacting to potentially damaging UV radiation by producing additional pigmentation that provides it with some — but not nearly enough — protection against sunburn.

No matter what a person’s skin color, everyone is a potential victim of sunburn and the other detrimental effects



of excessive exposure to UV radiation. Although everyone needs to take precautions to protect the skin, people who need to be especially careful in the sun are those who have pale skin; blonde, red or light brown hair; been treated for skin cancer; and those who have a family member who has had skin cancer.

Anyone with an illness requiring medication should ask his or her doctor about extra sun-care precautions, because some medications may increase sensitivity to the sun.

Cosmetics that contain alpha hydroxy acids also may increase sun sensitivity and susceptibility to sunburn. Look for the Food and Drug Administration’s recommended sun alert statement on products that contain AHAs.

Smart steps:
Reduce time in the sun
This is especially recommended from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when the sun’s rays are strongest. Even on an overcast day, up to 80 percent of the sun’s rays can get through the clouds. Stay in the shade as much as possible throughout the day.

Dress with care
Wear clothes that protect your body. Cover as much of

your body as possible if you plan to be outside on a sunny day. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, long sleeves and long pants. Sun-protective clothing is now available in stores. However, such products are not regulated by the FDA. Consider using an umbrella for shade.

Be serious about sunscreen
Check product labels to make sure you get a “sun protection factor” of 15 or more — SPF represents the degree to which a sunscreen can protect the skin from sunburn.

Tips for applying sunscreen:
— Apply the recommended amount evenly to all uncovered skin, especially your lips, nose, ears, neck, hands and feet.
— Check the label for the correct amount of time to apply it before you go out.
— If the label doesn’t give a time, allow about 15 to 30 minutes.
— If you don’t have much hair, apply sunscreen to the top of your head or wear a hat.
— Reapply often according to the instructions on the label.
— Give babies and children extra care in the sun. Ask a doctor before applying sunscreen to children younger than 6 months old.
— Apply sunscreen to children older than 6 months old every time they go out.

Helpful Information

Reach MACH toll-free at (877) 273-5584 or locally at 751-CARE (2273), or visit online at www.moncrief.amedd.army.mil or www.tricare.osd.mil

MEDPROS Training

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m. on the third Friday of every

month, at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Room 9-83 (computer lab). For more information and to register, e-mail Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil.

Medical Records

Medical records are the property of the U.S. government and must be turned in at the Medical Records Sta-

tion upon enrolling at MACH. Call 751-2471 for a copy of records.

TRICARE Prime

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime at MACH can schedule an appointment 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.tricareonline.com or www.moncrief.amedd.army.mil. For more information call 751-2752.

Health Talks

To have a professional staff member from MEDDAC address a group on health care subjects or preventive medicine, call the health promotion coordinator at 751-5035 or the Department of Quality Management at 751-2501.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Meow, meow, meow, meow, meow, woof ...



Photos by Susanne Kappler

These cats and dogs are at the Fort Jackson Veterinary Clinic, and they all need a home. From top left clockwise: 8-week-old kittens; 2-year-old Saint Bernard; Spayed 1 1/2-year-old female cat; 4- to 5-month-old kitten; 1 1/2 - year-old female spayed Boxer, Bonnie; 3- to 4-month-old kitten. For information on these or other pets for adoption, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Personal Financial Readiness Class

A class on Personal Financial Readiness will be 8:30-11:30 a.m., Thursday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Mobilization and Deployment Program

A class on the virtual Family Readiness Group and Battlemind training will be 9-11 a.m., Thursday at the Education Center, Room B-303. For more information, call 751-7477.

Upcoming

Sustainable Interiors Showcase "Green" Furniture Tour

The open house tour for Fort Jackson's Sustainable Interiors Showcase "environmentally friendly" furniture will be held Tuesday. Two tours are offered.

The first is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the second is 12:30-1:30 p.m. The offices are located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Rooms 200, 245 and 246. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 799-6502.

The Incredible Race

The Incredible Race vacation Bible school will be from 9 a.m. to noon, June 9-13 at Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Pre-kindergarten to junior high students are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 751-6778/4563.

EFMP Support Group Meeting

The Exceptional Family Member Program support group will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 14 at the Family Worship Center on Two Notch Road.

For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Consumer Rights & Obligations

A Consumer Rights and Obligations seminar will be 8:30-10:30 a.m., June 17 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Early Childhood Parenting Workshop

An Early Childhood Parenting Workshop will be from 9 a.m. to noon,

35 years of service



Photo by Ashley Henry

Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general, presents Dianna Dale Bell a certificate of appreciation for 35 years of federal service.

June 17 at the Joe E. Mann Conference Room. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Financial Readiness for First Termers

A Financial Readiness class for first termers will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., June 18 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For information, call 751-4862/6325.

American Red Cross Adult Volunteer Orientation

The American Red Cross will hold adult volunteer will be from 9 a.m. to noon, June 18 at 2179 Sumter Ave. For more information, call 751-4329.

Shred Day

The Fort Jackson Recycle Center is having a Shred Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 18 at the Recycling Center.

This program is open to everyone on Fort Jackson. Bring any paperwork you need shredded. For additional information, call 751-4208.

Starting and Running your Small Business

A seminar on Starting and Running your Small Business will be 9-11:30 a.m., June 18 at the Education Center, Room B-205. For more information or to register, call 751-5452.

Phase II LEVY Briefing

A Phase II LEVY Briefing will be

This Week

For information, call 751-4862/6325.

AER Commander's Referral Training

An AER Commander's Referral Training will be 9-10:30 a.m., today at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Mini Job Fair

There will be a Mini Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., today at the Education Center. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

AG Corps Regimental Ball

Tickets for the Adjutant General Corps Regimental Ball are now on sale. The tickets cost \$25 for E7 and above, \$20 for E5 and E6, and \$10 for E4 and below. The ball will begin at 6 p.m., Friday at the NCO Club. Attire is dress blues or dress greens for military and formal wear for civilians. Child care is available upon request. To RSVP or for more information, see a unit representative or call 751-5073 or e-mail AG_Ball@jackson.army.mil.

Garrison Gardeners

The Garrison Gardeners, a volunteer group, will be planting the Gate 1 garden in front of the Andrew Jackson statue at 9 a.m., Saturday. For more information, call 381-8747.

Baby Bundle/Baby Basics/Dad 101

A Baby Bundle/Baby Basics/Dad 101 class will be from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Center Conference Room.

Insurance Class

There will be an Insurance Class 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

EFMP Outing

Exceptional Family Members Program will visit EdVenture at 5 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

WorkKeys Assessment

A free WorkKeys Assessment class will be given from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and 17; and from 9 a.m. to noon, June 18. Test takers must participate in all sessions. The test enhances a resume and demonstrates skill potential to employers.

The class is open to military personnel, family members and DoD civilians. Candidates must preregister by calling 751-5452.

Thrift Savings Plan

A Thrift Savings Plan workshop will be 8:30-10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

Steps to Federal Employment

A Steps to Federal Employment workshop will be 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center. To register, call 751-5452.

Child Abuse Awareness Class

A Child Abuse Awareness Class will be from noon to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday at the

Have a Community Announcement?

Community submissions to the Leader should be typed, no more than 45 words, and should include: who (is affected or involved), what (it is), when (it occurs including time and date), where (it is taking place), and a why if necessary. They must be submitted to the Leader by noon, Monday. The Leader reserves the right to edit announcements for style, grammar and to fit the space. To submit an announcement to the Leader, e-mail it to FJLeader@conus.army.mil

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

2:30-3:30 p.m., June 18 at the Strom Thurmond building, Room 213. For more information, call 751-4862/6325.

2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg. Change of Command

The 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., June 19 at the Officers' Club. Lt. Col. David Snodgrass will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Collin Fortier.

Financial Management School Change of Command

The Financial Management School will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., June 20 at the Officers' Club. Col. Billy R. Smith will relinquish command to Col. Stephen J. Riviere.

1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg. Change of Command

The 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment will have a Change of Command ceremony at 9 a.m., June 24 at the Officers' Club. Lt. Col. Kenneth Royalty will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Daniel Beatty.

U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School Change of Command

The U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School will have a Change of Command ceremony at 2 p.m., June 24 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. Col. Clarke McGriff will relinquish command to Col. Samuel J.T. Boone.

Spouses to Teachers Program

A Spouses to Teachers Program seminar will be 1-3:30 p.m., June 24 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information, 734-4014.

Careers-on-the-Go

There will be a Career-on-the-Go workshop 9-11:30 a.m., June 25 at the Main Post Chapel. Participants must register to attend by calling 751-5452.

2-307th Training Support Bn. Change of Command

The 2-307th Training Support Battalion (Field Artillery) will have a Change of Command ceremony at 10:30 a.m., June 25 at building 3255.

NCO Academy Change of Commandant

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy will have a Change of Commandant ceremony at 9 a.m., at the school. Command Sgt. Maj. Sylvester Chisolm will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Brady.

Announcements

Army Birthday Ball

The 2008 Fort Jackson Army Birthday celebration will be June 14 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. Activities include a 5K walk/run, static displays, living history displays, military weapons displays, children's games, a cake cutting ceremony, barbeque and vendors.

Palmetto Falls Water Park will be open, and a golf tournament will also be held that day at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Antique Car Club

A club for owners of antique vehicles at least 30 years old will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday at Twin Lakes. Owners are encouraged to bring their old-time

cars. For more information, call 462-1497 (6-8:30 p.m.).

Road Closures

The work on Commissary Way channel crossing is scheduled for June 2-20. The area of work is adjacent to Pierce Terrace Elementary School. Access to the commissary from Imboden Street will be affected. For more information, call 751-4347.

Summer Reading Club

The Summer Reading Club will run through Aug. 15. For children, story times and crafts will be at 10 a.m.,

Wednesdays at the Thomas Lee Hall Post Library. Teens will get a chance to enter a drawing to win an MP3 player or a mini-digital camera for each book they read. Adults will get to enter a drawing for a free book for every book they read. For more information, call 751-4816.

Yard of the Month Nominations

Housing representatives will be canvassing each housing area looking for nominees for Yard of the Month.

Criteria for selection includes general appearance of the lawn, flowers and shrubs. The winning families will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and prizes.

Recurring Meetings

Weekly

Walking Away Stress meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

Play Group meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

Range Control Briefing is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

Civil Air Patrol meets at 7 p.m., Mondays at Owens Field and 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. For more information, e-mail cc@scwg.cap.gov or visit online at www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Overseas Travel Clinic is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

Military Widows/Widowers Association meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

Monthly

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Seabees meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Fort Jackson Enlisted Spouses' Association meets at 6:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at 5942E Thomas Court. For more information, call 665-4170 or e-mail esa2005fj@yahoo.com.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA-MC/home.htm.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital eighth floor day room. For more information, call 751-0392.

Disabled American Veterans meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. Call 482-4456 for information.

American Red Cross new adult volunteers orientation is the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at building 2179 on Sumter Avenue. For more information, call 571-4329.

"Victory Riders" Motorcycle Club meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magraders Club. For information, e-mail sec@fjvictoryriders.com.

Society of American Military Engineers meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

Diabetes Support Group meets at 6 p.m., the last Thursday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital fourth floor dining facility. For information or to register, call 751-2501.

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month, at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV meets at 11:30 a.m., the third Saturday of the month, except July and August, at the DAV Headquarter 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call Commander Brookes at 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information call 622-8707.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@conus.army.mil.

DACA researchers developing high-tech polygraph

Mike A. Glasch
Leader Staff

Tubes strapped across the chest, sensors clipped to the fingertips and an inflated blood pressure cuff attached to the upper arm; all the while needles scratch on a roll of paper as an examiner grills his or her subject with a series of questions.

The needles and paper of the polygraph have been replaced by computer monitors, and soon the polygraph itself may be replaced.

Researchers at the Defense Academy for Credibility Assessment at Fort Jackson are studying new devices to replace the polygraph in a variety of situations — Soldiers in Baghdad investigating an IED explosion, Homeland Security officials screening potential terrorists at airports or FBI agents searching for a kidnap victim.

“There are no devices that measure deception. We are looking for devices that can measure physiological responses from which we can infer deception,” said DACA’s Director of Research Dr. Troy Brown, who holds a doctorate degree in physiology. “We want to find a better way to tell if a subject is stressed by a certain question or image, which would lead to a more detailed investigation.”

Dr. Dean Pollina, Brown’s fellow researcher who holds a doctorate in experimental psychology, explained how researchers are focusing on ways to measure when a subject is stressed over what is presented to them.

“The changes in the body’s reaction (temperature, heart rate, muscle movement, etc.) doesn’t really indicate that they were deceptive,” Pollina said. “It’s much like a polygraph where all you can really say is that they were paying attention (or) they thought that was a salient thing that they just saw. It’s almost like a startled response, and that’s what we see.”

Devices they are developing include:

- A thermal facial imager that measures changes in heat in different areas of the face.

- An avatar to ask questions in a consistent manner; eliminating cultural differences and biases.

- A laser that can be pointed at the carotid artery to detect stress.

- Eye scanners that can tell where a person is looking on a computer screen, perhaps giving away guilty knowledge.

“Right now they are all research grade instruments. We are trying to show that there is a very consistent physiological response,” Brown said. “Once we do that, we can use that in credibility assessment.”

Unlike the conventional polygraph, these devices incorporate remote tracking sensors so that the subject is never “hooked up” to the machine. Brown said that will allow for a more accurate results and a more natural exchange of information.”

“Whenever I hook up anything to your body, attach sensors to you, it immediately makes (you) much more uncomfortable,” he explained. “Also, it often limits the amount of time you can ask questions.

“In the case of a polygraph, where you have the blood pressure cuff inflated, there is a physical limitation there because it gets painful if left inflated. If we can get around using the cuff in the polygraph, or other sensors attached to the body, it allows us to ask more questions and have longer interviews. It makes the entire exchange more natural.”

Each of the new devices is designed to work individually. However, Brown is not ruling out combining them in the future.

“We’re pushing the envelope somewhat with the technology. Without any tools, what we have is chance, 50 percent, a coin flip. Anything above that helps us out,” he said. “We are still a long ways from putting any of these tools into the field. There is still a lot of testing to be done.”

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Avatar makes questioning easier

The Avatar is a computer-generated talking head. DACA researchers inputted all of the facial features found throughout the world and generated a generic model. This allows them to create any type of face imaginable. Each Avatar is capable of 20 different facial expressions.

DACA researchers said since there are a lot of social dynamic interactions that haven’t been well studied, using an Avatar of the same nationality of the subject to ask the questions can help eliminate bias on both the interviewer and interviewee.

The device asks a series of yes or no questions, such as, “Have you ever had unauthorized contact with an individual who is known, or suspected, of being associated with a foreign intelligence, security or terrorist organization? Have you ever engaged in an illegal activity that might make you susceptible to committing a security violation? Do you understand what I mean when I ask you about illegal activity?” Those answers are then reviewed by a screener who determines if further person-on-person questioning is needed.

Currently the Avatar only asks questions in English, but researchers are planning to upgrade its language capabilities.



Laser detects physiological changes

Laser Doppler Vibrometry is an optical instrument that measures velocity and displacement of vibrating structures.

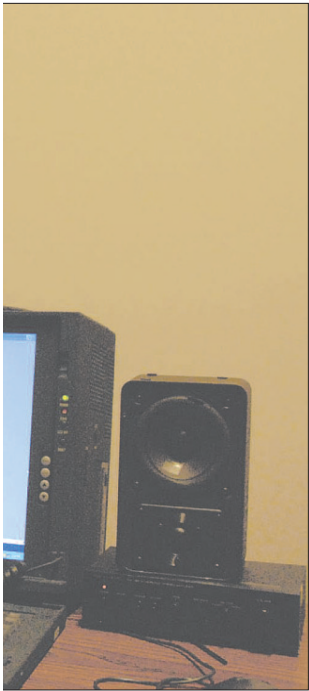
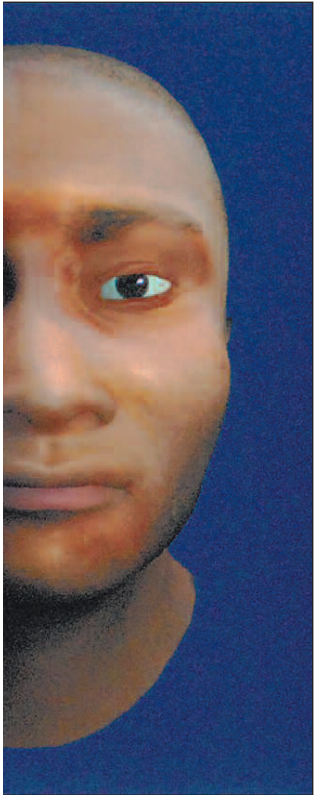
A laser, less powerful than a laser pointer, is mounted on a tripod and pointed at the subject’s

carotid artery. From there, the laser can measure every movement, vibration and noise the body produces and separate each one into a separate graph (much like

an EKG) on a computer screen. DACA researchers are using this technology in any physiological questions or interviews. The subject was stressed during questioning is

high-tech ways to detect deception

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(G) on a computer screen. DACA researchers say a change in physiological response to words or images indicate the subject was stressed and follow-up questioning is needed.



Face temperature can expose lies

Thermal Face Imaging puts the subject in an isolation booth where sound, ambient temperature and lighting are controlled. The subject answers a series of yes or no questions. An infrared camera in the booth measures changes in the subject's facial temperatures as he or she answers each question. It can measure changes to within 5/100th of a degree Celsius. Those tem-

peratures are displayed on a computer monitor in different colors. According to DACA researchers, when there is a change in temperature, then the subject was startled or perceived a significant or relevant stimulus. It doesn't really indicate that the subject was necessarily deceptive, but it does indicate that more investigation needs to be done about that particular stimulus.



Following the eyes

The Tracker is system designed for monitoring eye movement as a subject looks at objects on a screen. The subject sits in a reclining chair as at least 40 images are flashed on the screen and an infrared light shines on his or her face. The cornea reflects that light which the camera can detect and track where the eyes are focused. DACA researchers say the visual cortex, when taking in visual information, tries to make matches. It decides if the image is something already in its memory, or is something which it needs to incorporate as new memory. The way the eyes respond to that is different if the brain says, "Yes there is a match versus 'No' I don't recognize this."

FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Greg Vibber
Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief

Cases of the Week

Fort Jackson firefighters assisted the Columbia Fire Department in extinguishing a brush fire, which scorched 100 acres. The Fort Jackson units spent four hours on the scene.

Several tools were stolen from a truck while the owner was at work. The tools were valued at \$4,050.

Two civilians were banned from Fort Jackson for five years after Military Police discovered marijuana in their car during a traffic stop. The MPs said they decided to search the vehicle because its occupants acted as if they were trying to hide something while being approached. Authorities said they were called by a security guard be-

cause the car had a suspended license plate.

Tip of the Week

State laws regulate what kind of window tint (sun screen devices) may be applied to passenger cars, trucks and vans operated in South Carolina.

The basics of the law are:
— Sun screen devices must be non-reflective and may not be red, yellow or amber.
— Sun screen devices may be used on: Windows immediately to the left and right of the driver (no darker than 27 percent); side windows behind the driver (no darker than 27 percent); rear window (no darker than 20 percent). This does not apply to “factory installed” window sun screen devices.

The code also states that there must be a certificate of compliance, which states the percentage of tint applied.

Some off-post vendors tint vehicles darker than the state law permits; however drivers are liable for the violation of this offense.

This statute applies to all Soldiers and civilians working on Fort Jackson, regardless of the state in which their vehicles are registered.

Violators on Fort Jackson will be fined \$145.

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FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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LEGAL

Immigration papers should be filed before marriage

Capt. Ryan H. Dodd
Legal Assistance Attorney

One topic routinely encountered by the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office is how to obtain U.S. citizenship or legal residence.

This article cannot cover all the steps required to becoming a U.S. citizen or resident, nor can it explore all the possible scenarios that one might encounter on the road to becoming a U.S. citizen.

Therefore, readers are encouraged to visit the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web site at www.uscis.gov. The Web site contains all the forms, laws, regulations and even has examples of common scenarios.

After filing for citizenship with the USCIS, applicants can track the progress of their file online at the Web site.

Here is one fairly common example that is encountered by the Legal Assistance Office.

A Soldier stationed at Fort Jackson is engaged to a citizen of a foreign country and living in the foreign country. They want to get married in the United States and then live here legally. What should they do?

First, the Soldier would have to file a petition with

USCIS for his fiance to get a visa.

The form can be downloaded from the USCIS Web site and mailed to the regional office.

Be sure all contact information for both people is current so that the wait time for approval is not prolonged. After the petition is reviewed by USCIS and approved, the non-citizen fiance can then obtain a visa from the U.S. Embassy or consulate in the country where he or she currently lives.

They then have 90 days from the date the non-citizen enters the United States to get married.

If they do not get married, the non-citizen leaves the United States (even temporarily) or the non-citizen marries someone else, the visa expires and no extensions are granted.

Each non-citizen is allowed only one fiance visa. Future applications would be denied.

After getting married, the non-citizen spouse would then apply for permanent resident status if the non-citizen spouse wants to live and work in the United States.

If the non-citizen spouse does not apply for permanent resident status within 90 days from entering the country and provide proof of the marriage (such as a

Operation Hours

Fort Jackson's Legal Assistance Office, located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Road, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Appointments can be made by calling 751-4287.

The office accepts walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney, 1:30-4 p.m, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Walk-ins are welcome for general legal questions and are accepted 9-11 a.m., Thursdays.

marriage license) he or she will have to leave the country.

If the non-citizen spouse does apply for permanent resident status within the 90 days and provides proof of the marriage, he or she will be granted a two-year conditional permanent resident status.

For more information or to talk with an attorney, call the Legal Assistance office at 751-4287.

CHAPEL

The key to success starts with attitude

*Chaplain (Capt.) Raynard Churchwell
2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment*

I am convinced that one of the keys to success in life is attitude. Our attitude is often the only difference between success and failure, and it determines our approach to life.

In Numbers 13, there is a story about some folk with an attitude problem.

It is the story about Moses sending out 12 spies, who were leaders of their tribes, on a mission. Their job was to investigate the promised land across the Jordan river called Canaan. All 12 had the same external experiences, but the conclusions of 10 differed markedly from the other two.

Ten of the spies reported back to Moses with a horrible attitude about the situation. They said, “Indeed the land is flowing with milk and honey — but there were giants in the land and there is no way we can enter and possess it!”

Joshua and Caleb took the very same trip and saw the same things witnessed by the other 10 spies, but they had an enthusiastic attitude and a positive report for Moses. They said “Yes, there are giants in the land, but with God we can enter in and possess it.”

Yes, our attitude truly determines the difference between success and failure and determines our approach to life.

The theologian and writer Chuck Swindoll made those observations about attitude:

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home.

“The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past ... We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string, we have, and that is our attitude ... I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our attitudes.”

How is your attitude today?

Worship services

Protestant

- Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next
Chaplain School
 - Wednesday 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel
- PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY**
- Monday 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC - Post Chapel, Class 209)
 - Wednesday 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
 - Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
 - Saturday 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

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- Sunday 5 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday 8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday 8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies
- Friday 12:30-1:45 p.m. Jum'ah Services (both — Main Post Chapel)

Church of Christ

- Sunday 11:30 a.m. Anderson Chapel

Catholic

- M-F 11:30 a.m. Mass (Post Chapel)
- Sunday 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)
9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Jewish

- Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday 9:30-11 a.m. Anderson St. Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

Daniel Circle Chapel — 3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Blvd., 751-4216
Main Post Chapel — 4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Ave., 751-6469
Bayonet Chapel — 9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
Family Life Chaplain - 4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
Anderson St. Chapel — 2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Blvd., 751-7032
Education Center — 4581 Scales Ave.
Magruder Chapel — 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
120th Rec. Bn. Chapel — 1895 Washington St., 751-5086
Memorial Chapel — 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

CHALKBOARD

Columbia City Jazz will offer classes on Fort Jackson

Jennifer Myer
SKIES Unlimited

Nationally renowned Columbia City Jazz Dance School will offer dance classes on Fort Jackson as part of the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills Unlimited instructional programs.

Columbia City Jazz Dance School has been named “Best Dance School” by *Palmetto Parent Magazine* for 2006 and 2007, and its dance company has been named one of the top 50 dance companies in the U. S. by *Dance Spirit Magazine*.

“I’m excited that the Fort Jackson SKIES program has landed the contract with such a prestigious dance company,” said Beverly Metcalfe, Youth Education Support Services director. “This partnership will really help us tie in with the Columbia community and allow our dance students to participate in much larger productions than they have in the past with a larger and more diverse audience.”

Starting Sept. 1, Columbia City Jazz dance instructors will teach classes at Fort Jackson for 3-18 year olds.

Class offerings will include preballet, ballet, jazz and hip-hop. Enrollment for the fall dance classes, as well as all SKIES fall classes, will begin in July.



Courtesy photo

Erika Bettencourt, Columbia City Jazz instructor, teaches preballet. The school will offer classes on Fort Jackson starting in September.

Aspiring dancers don’t have to wait until the fall to start. Columbia City Jazz summer camps are available to Fort Jackson children and youth through SKIES Unlimited at a discount.

The Fairy Tale Dance camp for 3-6 year olds will be

from 9 a.m. to noon, June 16-20 at Columbia City Jazz School.

Dancers will discover the world of dance through creative movement, ballet and arts and crafts. Dance shoes and attire are not required, but dancers are asked to dress comfortably. A snack is provided and transportation is available upon request to and from Fort Jackson. The cost for this camp is \$90.

The Next Step Dance camp is for 6-12 year-olds with some dance experience and will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, June 23-27 at Columbia City Jazz School. In this weeklong camp, dancers will explore the dance styles of jazz, ballet, tap and hip-hop.

Dancers are required to provide their own shoes to include jazz shoes, ballet slippers, tap shoes and street shoes or sneakers. The cost for this camp is \$100.

Families covered under the Army Family Covenant, which includes, but is not exclusive to, family members of deployed, wounded or fallen Soldiers, are eligible to receive a limited number of free SKIES classes and camps.

For more information regarding SKIES classes and camps, call 751-6777. For more information about the Army Family Covenant, or to register for SKIES summer camps and classes, call 751-4865.



Fort Jackson Schools

Report cards will be mailed June 11.

Richland District One

There will be a **school board meeting** 7 p.m., June 10 at the district office. Par-

ents are welcome.

Report cards for middle and high school students will be mailed June 6.

Richland District Two

Dent Middle School Civil Air Patrol is asking for **old BDUs/ACUs** for its program.

Call 699-2750 ext. 72007 for more information.

There will be a **school board meeting** 7:30 p.m., June 10 at the district office.

Report cards for middle and high school students will be mailed June 13.

Fort Jackson Homeschoolers

A get-together for home-schooled students is planned for 11 a.m., Tuesdays for various activities. For more information, call 419-0760.

Other

“Real Life at My School” **movie contest** is open to middle and high school students. Create a movie about your school for new students.

Applications are available at the Central Enrollment Office or by calling 751-6150. Movies are due by June 9. Prizes

are available.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education has launched a college information hotline for students and families.

For up-to-date college information, call (877) 349-7183, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays.

For information on **SKIES classes**, call 751-6777/3053.

Editor’s Note: For more information on Army School Liaison Services, call 751-6150 or e-mail Ruth.C.Russell@us.army.mil.

SPORTS/FITNESS

Post golf team packs some potential

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Matthews, an instructor at the Recruiting and Retention School, has been golfing on and off for about 20 years, but he became a serious golfer when his first sergeant and his commander challenged him to compete against them 10 years ago.

“I don’t turn down (any) challenge,” he laughed. “But I hated to lose, so I used to practice at lunch and I just tried to get better.”

The practice paid off — now Matthews is a 4-handicap golfer and one of four members of the post golf team, which represented Fort Jackson at the Shaw Air Force Base Invitational tournament from April 29 to May 2.

The tournament featured 12 military teams from the Southeast. The Fort Jackson team finishing second place behind Arnold Air Force Base.

Sports director Cindi Keene emphasized that no Fort Jackson team has placed that high at the Shaw AFB Invitational.

“This team is the best we have ever sent there,” she said.

The team’s four members are all experienced golfers, who qualified for the post team by posting the lowest scores during the Fort Jackson Post Championship tournament in March.

Col. Joseph Lowder — Fort Jackson’s recently retired chief of staff, who played intercollegiate golf while at the U.S. Military Academy — won the post championship and has played on several post teams before, but he ranked the tournament at Shaw AFB as the most memorable golf accomplishment during his time here.

“We finished five strokes from first place. When you’re talking a total of 700 strokes, we were only five

strokes out of first place,” Lowder said. “So the team did very well.”

The team score was computed by adding the team’s lowest three scores of each day of the three-day, 54-hole team competition.

But Fort Jackson was not only represented well in the team competition, but also in the individual tournament, which fielded more than 40 golfers. Lowder finished in the top 10 and Maj. William “DeeBo” Kelly came in fourth, scoring 296 — seven strokes behind the leader and two strokes out of the money.

Kelly, who serves in the National Guard with Task Force North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, started to play as a teenager, and thinks the key to the team’s success was its consistent play.

“The greens were real small and extremely hard. So the key was trying to somehow or another get your ball into the center of the greens,” Kelly said. “That was really the strategy for the three days. Not necessarily to go at pins and make birdies and do well on one particular hole, but instead try to be as consistent as could be and not make mistakes.”

The team’s next challenge will be the 44th Annual Southeast Military Invitational Golf Tournament, which will take place at Jacksonville Naval Air Station in October. Lowder, who will not be eligible to play because of his retirement from the Army in May, likes the team’s chances.

“This team ... gained some valuable experience here at the Shaw tournament that will suit them well when they go to Jacksonville,” Lowder said. “A number of players have already played at Jacksonville before. They know the conditions; they know the course down there.”

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Photo by Susanne Kappler

Maj. William “DeeBo” Kelly works on his putting on the practice greens at the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Kelly took fourth in the individual competition at the Shaw Air Force Base Invitational and was a member of the Fort Jackson team that came in second.

Sports Briefs

Health Rocks!

Health Rocks! Night at the Youth Center will be 6:30-9:15 this evening. The event is open to first through 12th graders. Dinner will be served and health and fitness activities will be offered. For more information, call 751-3773.

Youth Swim Team

The Youth Sports swim team is accepting registrations until Monday for children 6-18 years old who can swim 25 meters. Practices will be held 8-9 a.m.,

Monday through Friday at either Legion Pool or Knight Pool. The cost is \$65 for the first child and \$58.50 for each additional child from the same family.

No Tap Tournament

A No Tap Tournament will begin at 7 p.m., Friday at Century Lanes. Cost is \$15 per person for singles and \$8 per team for doubles. Pay once, place for each six entries.

Children’s Basketball Clinics

Registration is open for children’s basketball clinics. “Little Dribblers Camp” for children 4

years old through first grade will take place 6:15-7:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays from June 9 through Aug. 6 at the Youth Center Gym.

“Hoop it Up” for children in second-fifth grades will take place 7:15-8:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays from June 9 through Aug. 6 at the Youth Center Gym. The cost is \$20 per child. For more information and to register, call 751-4865.

Summer Basketball Camp

Registration is open for a beginner-level basketball camp for 11-18-year-olds. The focus will be on dribbling, shooting and passing. The camp will take place 1-

4 p.m., June 9-13 at the Youth Center Gym. The cost is \$30 per participant. For more information, call 751-5040,

Children’s Baseball Camp

The Central Enrollment Office is accepting registrations for baseball camp for children 3-5 years old. The camp will be June 17-19 and June 24-26. The cost is \$20 per child. For more information and to register, call 751-5040.

Important Numbers

For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040; For golf information, call 787-4437/4344; For sports information, call 751-3096.